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1. The 741 Border Battalion is based at Leskoviki, but has companies in Vlachos, Glyna and Erseka. The commander of 741 Battalion is Captain (1st class) Kerim Gkinetsi; the commander of the company in Vlachos is Warrant Officer Lallim Nuhe. Each company guard-post in Vlachos has a strength of 12 to 14 men and two Italian Breda machine guns, two light machine guns, and a sub-machine gun kept by the officer in charge of the guard post. The company has two small mortars at its base. The total strength of the company, including the men assigned to the base, amounts to about 140; they are divided into three platoons.
2. There is a battery of mountain artillery at Perat. It consists of four pieces transported by mules. These pieces are mounted on rubber-tired wheels. Men of the People's Security serve with artillery which is subordinate to the 741 Border Battalion.
3. There is an unidentified infantry regiment in Premeti; a battalion of this regiment is located in the region of Tsartsova. Artillery is stationed in Premeti and Leskoviki. Two anti-aircraft guns are located in Tsartsova; they are thought to be of small caliber. There are two more anti-aircraft guns in Teken near Leskoviki, possibly Soviet guns recently acquired by the army.
4. Source concludes that the People's Security Division consists of three Infantry Regiments, two Border Regiments, and artillery units.
5. The town of Vlachos may form a regular point of communication between the Greek guerrillas from Pogoni and the Albanian border authorities.

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